



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Fumiyuki HATTORI et al.) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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Application Number: 10/642,272) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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Filed: August 18, 2003)
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For: THERAPEUTIC METHODS AND AGENTS FOR DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH
DECREASED EXPRESSION OF AOP-1 GENE OR AOP-1

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 as set forth below. No fees are believed to be required with this preliminary amendment. However, should any fees be required for entry of this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the specification are presented on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.